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1. ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF MAJOR VIOLENCE ON NOVEMBER 10. THE CITY IS ENGULFED IN COMMUNIQUES AND COMMUNIQUES RESPONDING TO COMMUNIQUES.

2. MPLA HAS BLAMED THE EVENTS IN LUANDA AND CABINDA ON INTER-NATIONAL IMPERIALISM OPERATING THROUGH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THE PRESENCE OF A FRENCH MERCENARY IN THE FLEC GROUP SHOWS
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CLEARLY, SAID AN MPLA COMMUNIQUE, THAT FLEC IS CONTROLLED BY

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FOREIGN INTERESTS. THE FNLA ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING THAT IT HAS ARMED FORCES IN LUANDA; THE FORCES ARE, RATHER, ARMED MILITANTS WHOSE ONLY TASK IS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY IN FNLA OFFICES. UNITA HAS BEEN RECRUITING YOUNG MEN TO GO TO THE EAST FOR TRAINING. ONE SUCH GROUP WAS STONED BY VANDALS AT THE RAILWAY STATION IN LOBITO AND UNITA ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING IT WOULD NOT TOLERATE ABUSES AGAINST ITS MEMBERS NOR THE EXPULSION OF ANGOLANS FROM A PARTICULAR REGION OF THE COUNTRY JUST BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN ANOTHER REGION. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, 300 MEN FROM LUANDA HAVE GONE EAST AND ANOTHER 121 FROM LOBITO.

3. UNITA PRESIDENT JONAS SAVIMBI LEFT ANGOLA NOVEMBER 16 TO VISIT SEVERAL AFRICAN CAPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO WIN THE COOPERATION OF THE OTHER LIBERATION GROUP LEADERS IN A COMMON FRONT. IN HIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT SAVIMBI SAID THAT AFTER SIX YEARS AND SEVEN MONTHS IN THE BUSH HE WAS DEPRESSED BECAUSE HE WAS USED TO LIVING AMID PEASANTS, AND GUERRILLAS, MAKING ALL KINDS OF SACRIFICES AND FACING ALL SORTS OF DANGERS SURROUNDED BY HIS COMPANIONS. NOW, HE FELT VERY
MUCH ALONE AS HE TOOK OFF FOR FOREIGN PARTS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT AGOSTINHO NETO WOULD AGREE TO MEET WITH HIM. SAVIMBI ALSO THANKED THE PEOPLE OF LUANDA FOR THE FINE RECEPTION THEY GAVE THE UNITA DELEGATION WHEN IT ARRIVED IN TOWN ON NOVEMBER 10. HE SAID THAT THE FNLA DELEGATION WAS WARMLY RECEIVED, THE MPLA DELEGATION ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED AND THE RECEPTION GIVEN THE UNITA DELEGATION SURPASSED ALL EXPECTATIONS. HE APPEALED FOR PEACE, HARMONY AND A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. IN HIS PERORATION HE SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO ANGOLA, AS HIS PLACE WAS AMID THE PEASANTS.

4. ON NOVEMBER 14 THE FNLA DELEGATION IN LUANDA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH IT SAID IT EXPECTED THE IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF A UNIFIED LEADERSHIP IN THE MPLA. THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION WITHIN THE MPLA, CONTINUED THE COMMUNIQUE, IS SUCH THAT THE ENTIRE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS NOW UNDER WAY CAN BE COMPROMISED. THE NEXT DAY MPLA HEAD OF DELEGATION LUCIO LARA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE MPLA HAS NOT TRIED TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF OTHER MOVEMENTS AND EXPECTED OTHERS TO PRACTISE SIMILAR RESTRAINT. MEANWHILE, THE EASTERN REVOLT FACTION OF DANIEL
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CHIPENDA ANNOUNCED THE OPENING OF OFFICES IN LUANDA AND POSSIBILITY OF OFFICES SOON IN OTHER CITIES. THE COMMUNIQUE CALLED ON ALL DEMOCRATIC NATIONALISTS TO AWAIT THE OPENING OF DELEGATIONS TO JOIN UP, BUT ADDED THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS THE LOCATION OF THE OFFICE IN LUANDA WOULD BE MADE KNOWN AT A LATER DATE.

5. ON NOVEMBER 21 THE MPLA CAUGHT EIGHT HOODLUMS WHO WERE ROBBING AND KILLING IN THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION. THEY WERE BOUND

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AND PUT ON DISPLAY AT THE MPLA HEADQUARTERS. AS THE CROWD
HEARD OF THEIR DESPICABLE CRIMES THE CRY WENT UP TO LYNCH THEM,
BUT MPLA LEADERS INSIST THEY WILL TURN THEM OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES.
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